

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A bulk bag with integral pallets, comprising:
a flexible bag body having a bottom and sidewalls;

at least two elongate tubular pallet members having axially extending openings adapted to receive fork tines from a fork lift, each of the at least two elongate tubular pallet members having at least one underlying wear pad with strap receiving apertures extending transversely through the at least one underlying wear pad; and

means for securing each of the at least two elongate pallet members to the bottom of the bag body with the at least one underlying wear pad exposed, in the form of straps extending from the bag body transversely through the strap receiving apertures and underlying the at least two elongate tubular pallet members. ♦♦

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 1, wherein each of the at least two elongate pallet members has a first end and a second end, a single underlying wear pad extending between the first end and the second end. ♦♦

3-5. (CANCELED)

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1, wherein the at least ~~[[two]]~~ one underlying wear ~~pads are~~ pad is removable from each of the at least two elongate pallet members for replacement. ♦♦

7. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 1, wherein each of the at least two elongate pallet members has a textured top gripping surface adapted to frictionally engage the bottom of the bulk bag.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 7, wherein the gripping surface is textured by a plurality of ribs.

9. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 8, wherein the ribs are generally parallel and extend transversely across each of the elongate pallet members.

10. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 1, wherein each of the at least two pallet members are made from polymer plastic.

11. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 10, wherein the at least one wear pad is integrally moulded as part of each of the at least two polymer plastic pallet members.

12. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 10, wherein each of the at least two polymer plastic pallet members is fabricated in a generally tubular configuration with voids, thereby reducing their weight.

13. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 12, wherein the voids include perforations.

14. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 12, wherein the voids include cut outs.

15-16. (CANCELED)

17. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 1, wherein the axially extending openings are fluted, thereby providing a guide for the entry of fork tines from the fork lift.

18. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 1, wherein each of the at least two elongate pallet members has at least one wing extending laterally from one side.

19. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 1, wherein at least one of the at least two elongate pallet members has an electronic identification carrier adapted to be identify said elongate pallet member and distinguish it from other pallet members upon electronic interrogation.

20. (ORIGINAL) The bulk bag with integral pallets as defined in Claim 19 wherein the electronic identification carrier is a microchip capable of encoding data regarding at least one of the contents, weight, or shipping destination of the bulk bag.

21-35. (CANCELED)